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For : WATER-PURIFYING SOLID MATERIAL MADE OF A NATURAL RAW
MATERIAL CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDES AS PRINCIPAL
COMPONENTS, AND WATER-PURIFYING METHOD USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to expire on December 29, 2008 (December 26, the USPTO being closed, and December 27, 28 being a Saturday and Sunday) Applicant timely files this response and believes a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if any fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.